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Date: Sat, Jun 7, 2003 1:30 PM
Subject: Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

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Senator John McCain
U.S. Senate
241 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

SUNSHINE PERIOD Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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Please tell the FCC to reinstate its traditional media ownership rules for the sake of competition and democracy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul Kearby
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cc:

Representative Peter Visclosky
Senator Ernest Hollings
Senator Evan Bayh
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From: Betty Guthrie
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, Jun 7, 2003 4:16 PM
Subject: Keep media free and competitive

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Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

Federal Communications Commission

One of the basic elements which help to keep the American media at least partially free and independent is the set of FCC regulations restricting consolidation and monopolies.

In the 2002 Biennial Review, the FCC appears to be planning to roll back many of these protective regulations: the Newspaper/Broadcast Cross-Ownership Rule, the National Broadcast Ownership Cap, the Local Radio Ownership Rule, the Duopoly Rule and the Dual Network Rule.

Relaxation or abandonment of the preceding rules will result in the purchase of local and independent newspapers and radio and television stations by large media giants. The cost to the American People and Democracy will be far too high if local news, reportorial freedom and access to a true variety of legitimate views are further compromised.

Commissioner Adelstein, I urge you to make sure the FCC does not relax or drop these vital regulatory rules.

Sincerely,

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From: Ana Howrani
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, Jun 7, 2003 4:16 PM
Subject: Oppose Media Mergers

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June 6, 2003

Dear Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

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If you support this vision, you will vote against allowing giant media corporations to grow even bigger. For example, I think it's dangerous for one company to own both the leading daily newspaper (often the only daily newspaper) and a local TV station in the same city. This ownership arrangement puts too much power in the hands of one media corporation-and it reduces the already small number of independent media voices we hear in our communities.

Please join with all your colleagues and act now to stop big media from getting even bigger.

Sincerely,

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From: Laurie Fiorito
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Subject: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

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Dear FCC Commissioners and Chairman Powell,

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I urge you to vote to protect the public interest by dropping the FCC's plans to end critical safeguards designed to ensure diversity of media ownership and to delay the unnecessarily rushed vote on media ownership scheduled for June 2nd.

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